USER'S MANUAL

E-GRANTS CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

TITLE IIA

IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY

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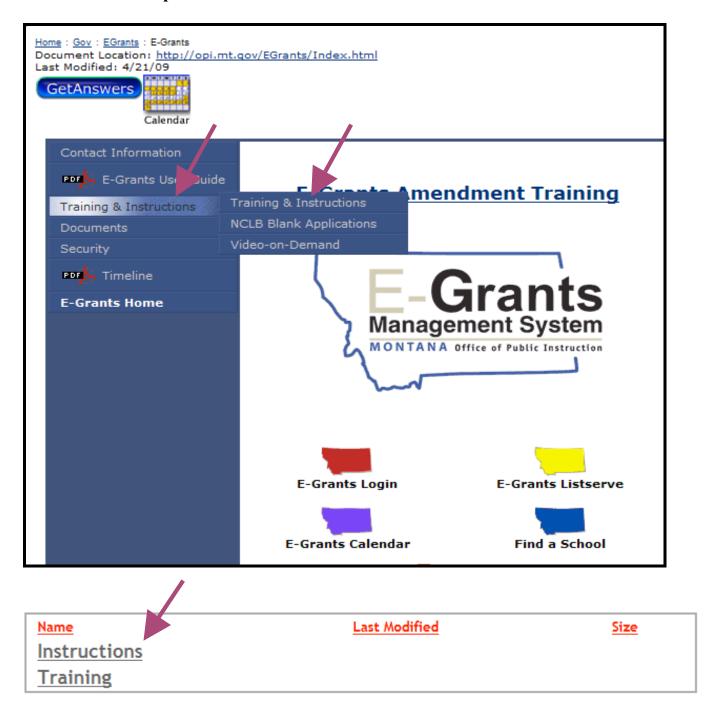
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GETTING STARTED



Note: Various training and instruction files are available from the OPI E-Grants http://opi.mt.gov/EGrants/Index.html page:

Look under Training & Instructions. There are many helpful files accessible from the **Instructions** option:



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Title II, Part A

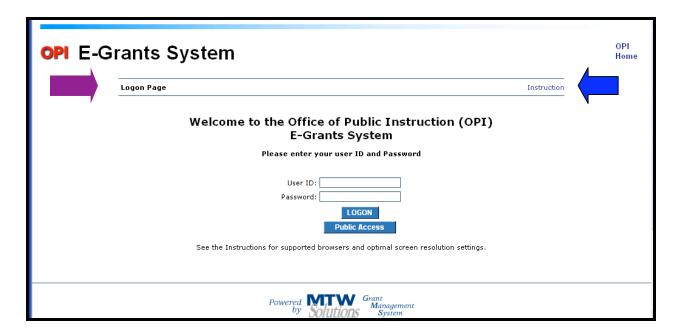
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E-GrantsQuickTips.pdf	05/29/07	53806
E-Grants_CashRequestExpenditures.pdf	09/27/07	819579
PrintAllFunction.pdf	07/23/07	76790
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Especially helpful are the Basic Steps and the User Guide.

BEFORE COMPLETING THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PAGES...

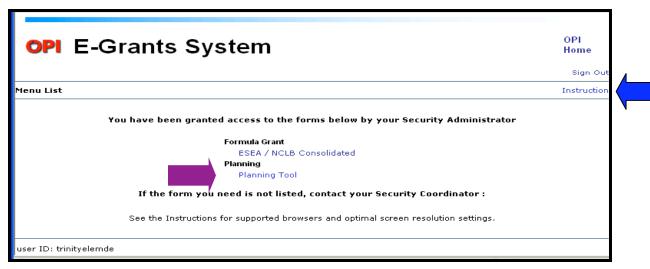
The Authorized Representative must complete the **Planning Tool**.

Go to the **Logon Page** of the E-Grants System, and read the **Instructions**. Then logon to the system.



A successful logon to the E-Grants system will take you to the **Menu List** screen. Make sure you read the **Instructions** for this page. You will find many helpful hints concerning general operations and procedures in the E-Grants system.

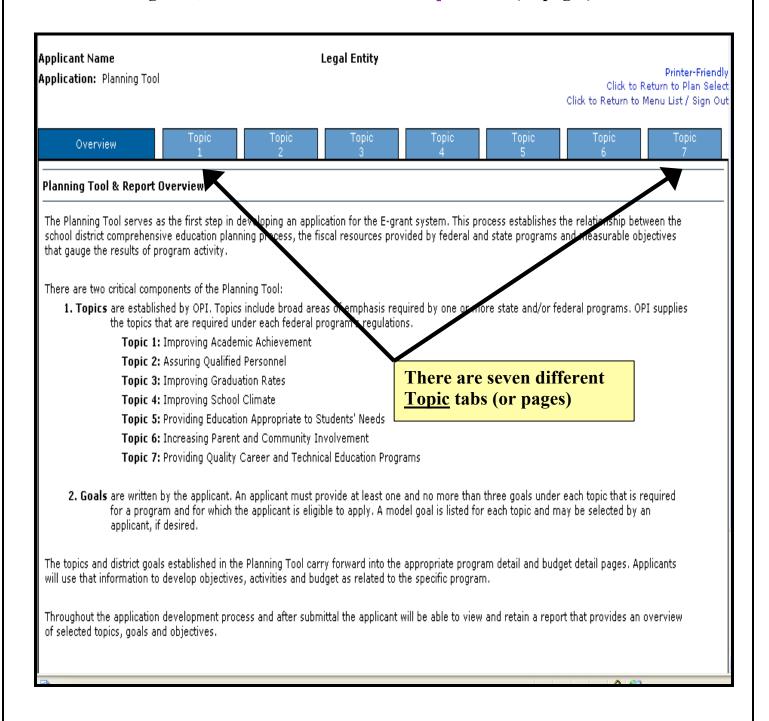
Before you do any work on the individual title pages, you must work through the **Planning Tool** pages. Select the **Planning Tool** from the <u>Menu List</u>.



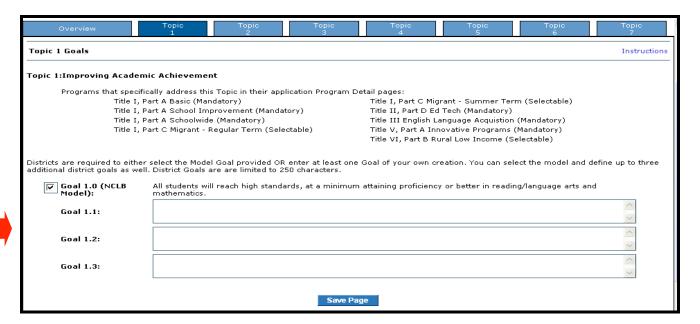
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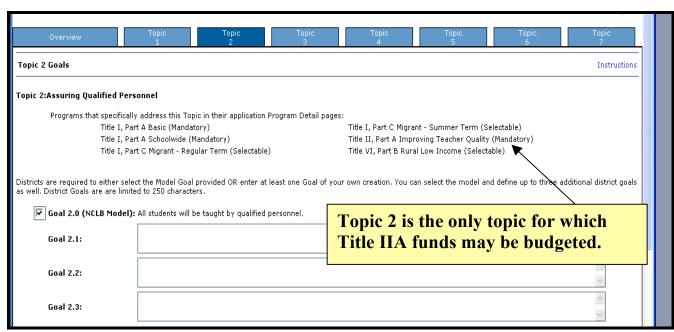
You may either copy the Planning Tool from the previous year, or you may create a new Planning Tool. You may choose to copy the Planning Tool from the previous year, and then make any desired changes to the defined goals.

In the Planning Tool, there are seven different **Topic** tabs (or pages).

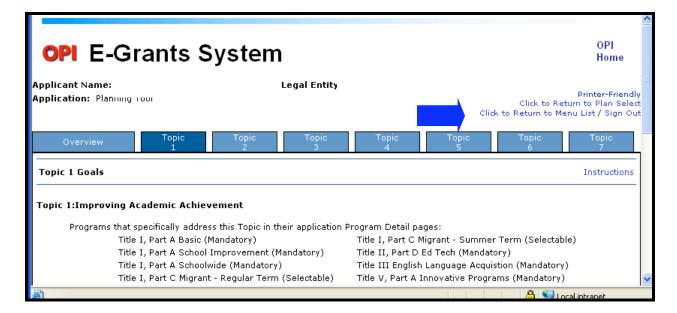


- You must specify <u>at least one goal for each topic</u>. You may either accept the NCLB Model Goal, or you may enter up to three district-specific goals in the text boxes provided.
- Make sure you **Save** every page before you leave it! (Click the Save Page button.)
- Goals specified for the title programs will be brought into the Budget
 Detail and Activity pages for the individual title programs.

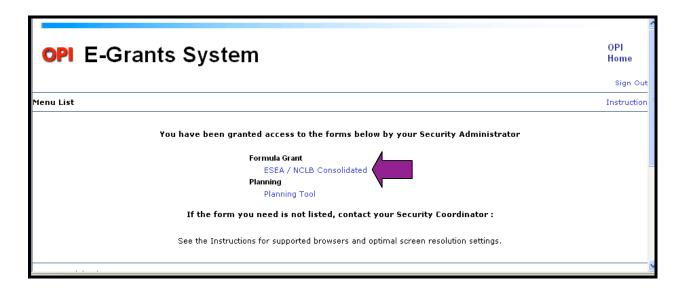




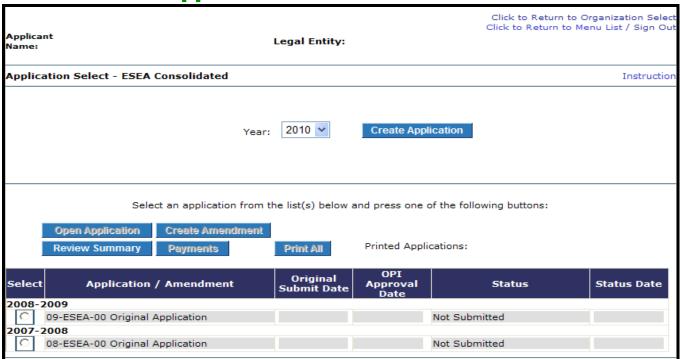
- Once the Planning Tool is completed:
 - Click on Return to Menu List



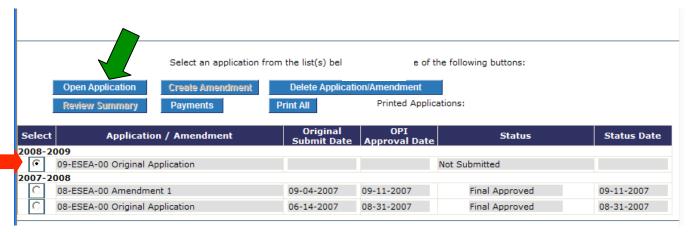
Click on ESEA/NCLB Consolidated



- This will take you to the Application Select screen:
 - The **Instructions** link brings up a PDF file with helpful information and tips.
 - If the <u>district has not yet created an application for the current year</u>, click on the **Create Application** button.

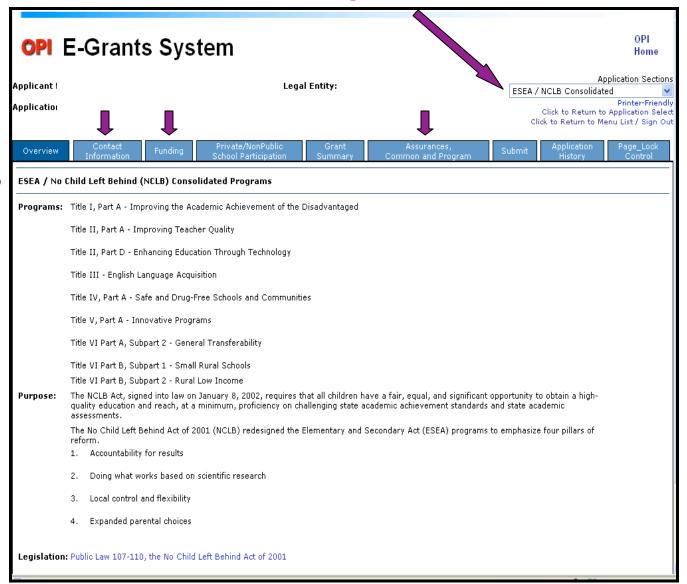


- If the district has already created an application:
 - At first, none of the blue buttons will be active.
 - Click in the radio button next to the application to activate appropriate buttons.
 - Then click on the **Open Application** button.



Either of these actions (**Create Application** or **Open Application**) will open the application to the

ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Programs screen.



On this page:

- Fill out the **Contact Information** tab. Make sure to include contacts for specific programs.
 - Complete phone number information for the authorized representative (AR) and the district clerk.
 - If there are changes in the information that has been auto-filled, please notify the OPI.

- Contact Information (continued)
- As shown below, scroll to the bottom of the **Contact Information** page and add e-mail addresses for people who should receive automated application approval/disapproval notices (district clerk, federal programs director). (These e-mails are automatically sent only to the AR.)
- Remember to click the Save Page button when you are done.

Title III Contact:					
Title IV A Contact:					
Title V A Contact:					
Title VI Contact:					
Application Approval / Disapproval Copy Email Addresses					
Automatic e-mail notifications of this application's approval and/or return will be sent to the LEA Authorized Representative. If others want to receive these automatic e-mail notices, their e-mail addresses must be entered in the text boxes that follow (limit of five e-mail addresses). Note: If the district clerk or program contact has an e-mail address listed above, it must be re-entered in this section to receive the automatic e-mails.					
Save Page					

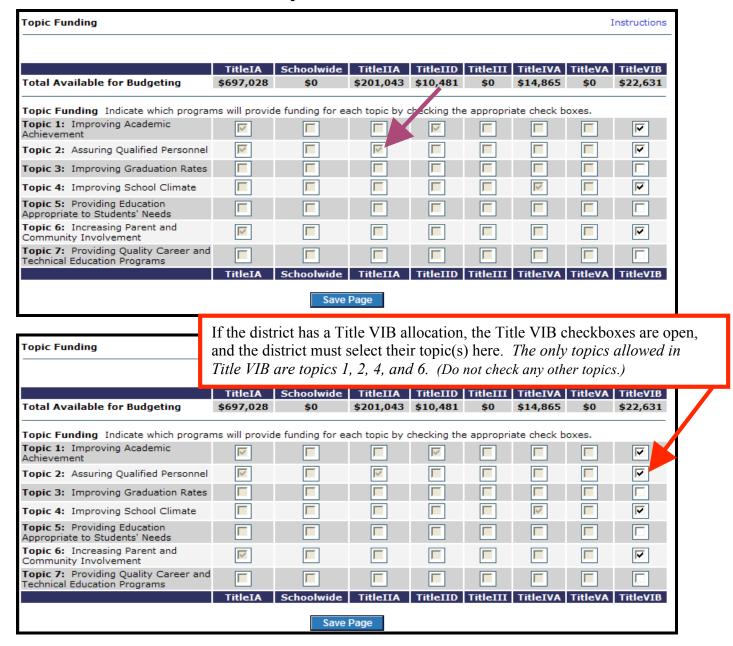
Click on the **Funding** tab. A page comes up showing the allocations for each title. Decide how you want to spend your money, keeping in mind your needs assessment and the goals you have defined in the **Planning Tool**.

• Fill out the **Funding/Allocations** tab, specifying any fund transfers or refusal of funds. Remember to click the Save Page button.

				To				
Complete the section below to notif								
Transferability Act. Guidance on Transferability is available at http://www.ed.p.a/programs/transferability/finalsummary04.doc. Guidance on REAP/Flex is available at http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/reap03gv/hance.doc. If you are planning to most all/funds to Schoolwide, DO NOT use the REAP/Flex option here. Move down to 'Transfers to Schoolwide' section below.								
Funds Available for Transfer/Flex	TitleIA	Schoolwide	TitleIIA	TitleIID	TitleIII	TitleIVA	TitleVA	TitleVIB
Applicable Percentage	0%	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%
Current Year	\$0	\$0	\$2,967	\$468	\$0	\$602	\$0	\$0
Cap for Carryover								
Total Available for Transfer/Flex	\$0	\$0	\$2,967	\$468	\$0	\$602	\$0	\$0
From TitleIIA (+)	0			0	0	0		
From TitleIID (+)	rom		0		0	0		
From TitleIVA (+)	0		0	0	0			
From TitleVA (+)	0		0	0	0	0		
Total Transfer/Flex	\$0		\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
Transfers to Schoolwide	TitleIA	Schoolwide	TitleIIA	TitleIID	TitleIII	TitleIVA	TitleVA	TitleVIB
If you have an approved Schoolwide plan, you are eligible to transfer funds to the Schoolwide program. You may transfer up to the amount indicated for each of the other Titles. Funds transferred to Schoolwide below will be available for budgeting under the Schoolwide program. Funds transferred or flexed in the section above are not considered part of a transfer to Schoolwide and should be transferred to Schoolwide directly. The Title I amount transferred to Schoolwide will be edited again argeting Step 4. The Title I transfer amount must be greater than or equal to the sum of the Public Allocation for each Refusal de (SWP).								
Amount Available for Transfer	7/		Ch	eckboxes	\$0	\$602	\$0	\$0
To School Wide (-)	0		<u> </u>		0	0	0	0
Funds not applied for (SEA may reallocate funds to other	grante							
Current Year Funds								
Prior Year Funds								
Net Adjustment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Available for Budgeting	\$31,148	\$0	\$2,967	\$468	\$0	\$602	\$0	\$0
	TitleIA	Schoolwide	TitleIIA	TitleIID	TitleIII	TitleIVA	TitleVA	TitleVIB
		Calculate Tot	als S	ave Page				

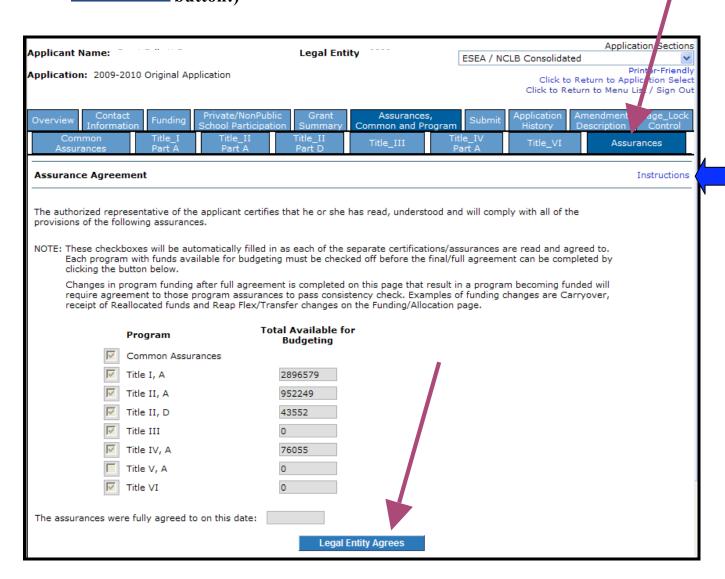
- Click on the **Funding/Topic Funding** tab. For each title with funds available for budgeting, this page displays the topics that were specified in the **Planning Tool**.
- This is a read-only page except for Title VIB. Districts with Title VIB allocations must select their Topic(s) here.

PLEASE NOTE: Topics 3, 5, and 7 are not allowed in Title VIB. Do not check the boxes for these topics!

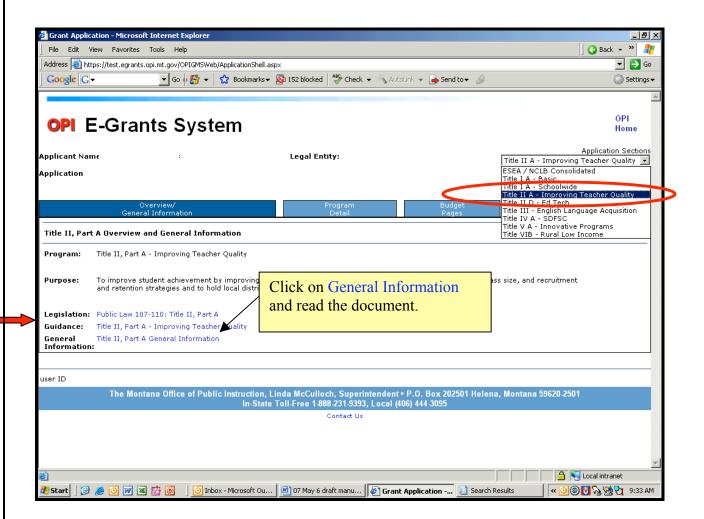


If you are the Authorized Representative, fill out the **Assurances** tabs. The Authorized Representative must:

- 1. Agree to the Common Assurances.
- 2. Agree to individual program assurances for each title for which funds have been budgeted.
- 3. Go to the last **Assurances** tab, and click the Legal Entity Agrees button.
- (See the **Instructions** links on these pages! Make sure you click on the **Save Page** button!)



Select **Title II**, **Part A – Improving Teacher Quality** from the drop-down box.

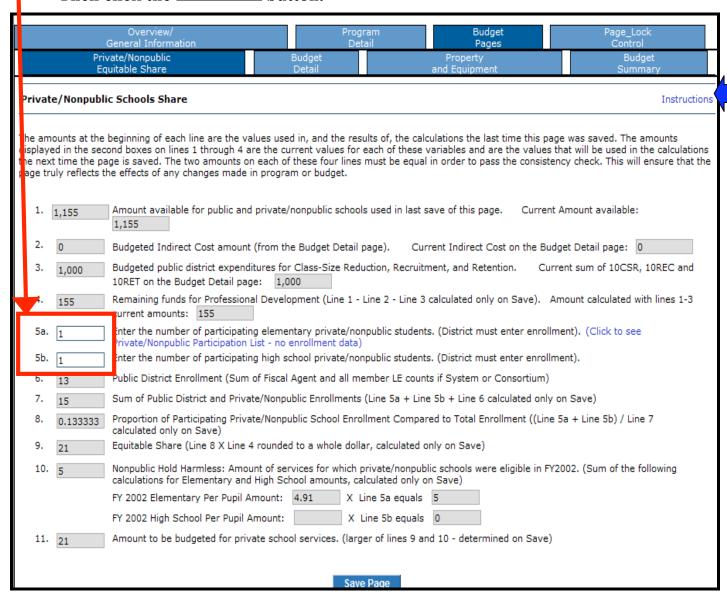


Notice that the <u>legislation</u> and <u>guidance</u> links will take you to the US Department of Education Web site.

Click on and read the **Title II**, Part A General Information

BUDGET PAGES

- Click on the Budget Pages Tab.
- This displays the Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share Tab.
- Note the **Instructions** file available for this page.
 - On this page you <u>MUST</u> enter numbers for private/nonpublic elementary and high school enrollment on lines 5a and 5b respectively.
 - Then click the Save Page button.

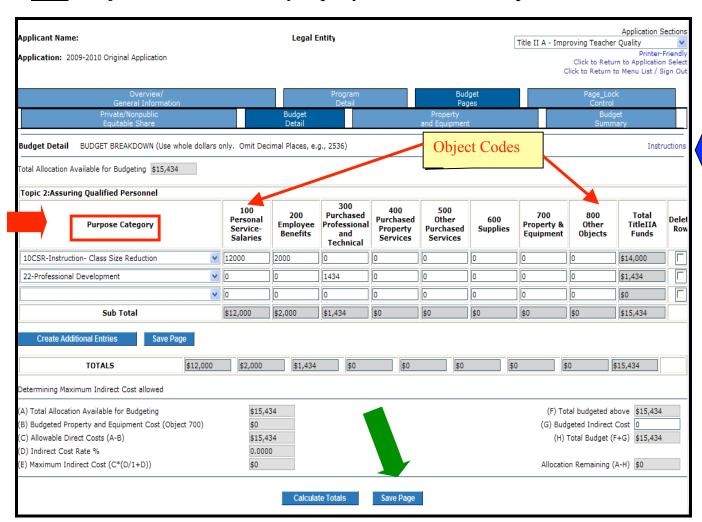




Whenever you make a change on the Budget Detail page, you must come back to the **Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share** page and click the button again to make sure the calculations are correct.

BUDGET DETAIL PAGE

- See the **Instructions** for descriptions of Purpose Categories and Object Codes
- In each row on the Budget Detail page, use the drop-down arrow to choose the correct Purpose Category for the Activity where you are going to spend your Title IIA funds.
- Within each Purpose Category, budget the funds in the proper Object Codes. Note: Object code 300 is where you put your curriculum cooperative costs.

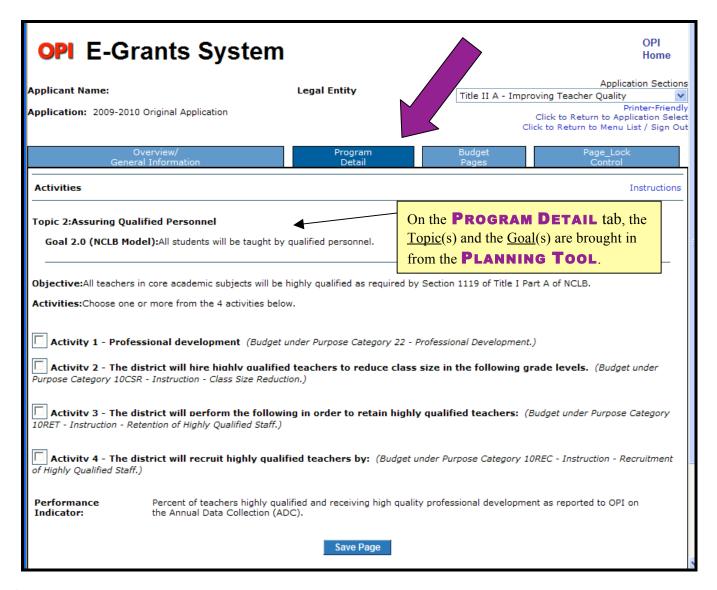




- The Calculate Totals button does not save the data; it gives you running totals as you work.
 - Click the Save Page button to both calculate and save the page. The page will not save until the budget is balanced.
 - Be sure you do not leave the page before the **Save** is complete.

PROGRAM DETAIL TAB

Choosing Activities:





Note: The **Activities** (pages 17-20 of this manual) implemented and the corresponding entries on the **Budget Detail** (page 15 of this manual) must align with the Topic, Goal(s), Objective, and Performance Indicator listed on this page.

- If this title program has funds available, at least one of the Activities must be checked.
- Clicking any of the **Activity** boxes will check the box and will open areas requesting more information.

Activity 1: <u>Professional Development in the core areas for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals</u>

• Please click on the <u>Criteria for High Quality Professional Development</u> link and study the criteria.

Activities: Choose one or more from the 4 activities below.						
Activity 1 - Professional development (Budget under Purpose Category 22 - Professional Development.) (Please review: Criteria for High Quality Professional Development activity using Title II, Part A funds)						
			cipals, and paraprofessionals in the following core areas:			
	✓ English, Reading and Language Arts	Mathematics	Science			
	Civics and Government	History	Geography			
	Foreign Languages	□Arts	Economics			
b. The types of professional development topics funded with Title II, Part A will include:						
	Improve teaching practices	Alternative learning styles	Improving student behavior			
	Early intervention strategies	Parent Involvement strategies	Use of data to drive instruction			
	Integrate technology into core	Team-teaching strategies	Strategies to increase student achievement			
	areas Briefly describe. Include the profession	nal development planned for any part	icipating private/nonpublic schools. (1800 Character Maximum)			
Send all K-4 teachers to Teton Institute and to the Bozeman Reading Institute. When they return, they will work in grade-level groups to collaborate to raise reading scores. 2. Send 10 teachers to MBI. These teachers will work in cross-grade and cross-disciplinary groups to reduce bullying incidents and to teach other staff MBI techniques.						
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- 1. Check at least one core area in group (a) checkboxes.
- 2. Check at least one type of professional development to be offered in (b).
- 3. Specifically describe your planned activities in the text box and include how the activities will meet the criteria for high quality professional development as shown in the screen shot above.
- 4. If you have a participating private/nonpublic school, you <u>must</u> describe the professional development to be provided to core area teachers.

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if

- 1. Any of the three items above are left blank.
- 2. The information exceeds the maximum number of characters.

NOTE: The text boxes will accept a large amount of information, but will not save it. To be sure you do not exceed the limits, please write your response to the text box in Word then use Word Count on the Tools menu to count the characters including spaces. Remember, E-Grants will not accept formatted text (e.g. bulleted lists).

Activity 2: Hiring highly qualified teachers to reduce class size

Activity 2 - The district will hire highly qualified teachers to reduce class size in the following grade levels. (Budget under Purpose Category 10CSR - Instruction - Class Size Reduction.)					
Number of teachers hired wit reduce class size:					
Grade to be reduced	Subject to be reduced (9-12 and Other required if student count entered)	Students / Teacher before reduction	Students / Teacher after reduction		
К		28	15		
1		28	18		
2		21	19		
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9	Mathematics	39	20		
10					
11					
12					
Other (Identify in subject)					

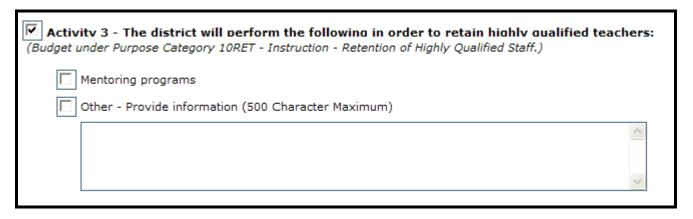
- Fill in the number of highly qualified core content teachers to be hired to reduce class size (the field will accept up to two decimal places).
- Fill in the number of students per teacher before and after reduction.
- If grades 9-12 or Other are selected, a subject or description is required. (For grades K-8 a subject *may* be entered.)
- Give a short description of Other, such as "grade 3-4 combo" if you are breaking a grade combination into two separate grades.

<u>Required fields</u>: The application cannot be saved or submitted if any of these are left blank:

- 1. Number of highly qualified teachers to be hired
- 2. Number of students before and after reduction
- 3. Subject for grades 9-12 and Other

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!

Activity 3: Retaining highly qualified teachers



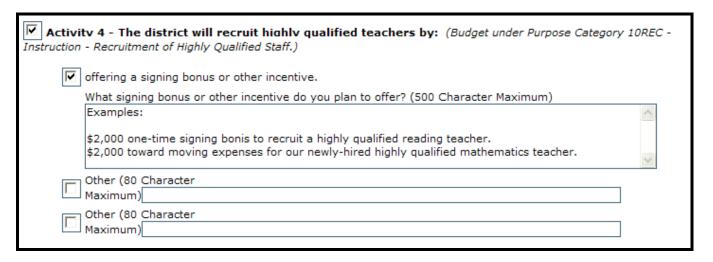


Note: Retention of highly qualified core area teachers can be a union issue, so please check your negotiated agreement.

- Since teachers often leave in their first years of service, mentoring is commonly selected.
- Only highly qualified core content area teachers with a record of improving student achievement can be retained with Title IIA funds.
- No raises may be given, no salaries or insurance may be paid, and no retention bonus may be rotated among members of a small staff to counter low wages or benefits. This is supplanting local responsibility.
- If Other is chosen, provide a short description. There is a limit of 500 characters on this field.
- Required fields: If **Activity 3** is selected, there must be a check in one of the two choices. The application cannot be saved or submitted if no boxes are checked.

Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE! CLICK THE

Activity 4: Recruiting highly qualified teachers





Note: Recruitment of highly qualified core area teachers can be a union issue, so please check your negotiated agreement.

- Only highly qualified core content teachers for hard-to-fill positions may be recruited with Title IIA funds.
- Recruitment incentives are a one-time encouragement to join your staff, not ongoing compensation. Retention incentives cannot be used to raise a teacher's salary or to provide permanent increases in salary or benefits.
- If **Activity 4** is selected, there must be a check in one of the three boxes and a brief description in the text box.

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if:

- 1. No boxes are checked
- 2. The information exceeds the maximum number of characters NOTE: The first text box (500 character maximum) will accept a large amount of information, but will not save it. The other two text boxes allow entry of only 80 characters. You may write your text box response in Word, then do a Tools/Word Count to count the characters including spaces to be sure that you do not exceed the limits, then copy the text into E-Grants. Remember, E-Grants does not accept formatted text such as bulleted lists.

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!

SUMMARY OF TIPS FOR COMPLETING E-GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Before starting an application:

- Go to the E-Grants web page at: http://opi.mt.gov/EGrants/Index.html
- Select
 - o Training and Instructions/Training & Instructions/Instructions
 - o BasicSteps CompletingESEA App.pdf
 - o E-Grants User Guide.pdf

Complete these pages before completing program pages:

- Planning Tool This is a separate menu choice on the **Menu List** screen
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated
 - Contacts tab enter district contacts for each title program and add the e-mail addresses at the bottom of the page
 - o Funding Tab Allocations Page and Topic Funding Page

The **Topic Funding** page displays topics only for titles which have funds available for budgeting. The "current-status" Topic Funding page must be viewed before you can access the **Budget Detail** pages for the individual title programs.

Example: You initially decide to run a program in Title IIA, but not in IID. You must initially access the **Topic Funding** page before you can get to any of the Budget Detail pages. Now, part way through your process, you decide to put some of the IIA money into IID. You must:

- Make the necessary changes to the Allocations page
- Make the necessary changes on the Title IIA Budget Detail page
- View the Topic Funding page to verify that a topic is now checked for Title IID.
- Make the necessary changes to the Title IID Budget and Program pages.

Tips for Completing E-Grants:

- Read the instructions on each page
- Be sure that all required fields are entered before saving or leaving a page
- Save often
- When the Save is complete, check for any red error messages at the top of the page to make sure the data saved, and if not why not

Before Submission of Application:

- Assurances, Common and Program Authorized Representative (AR) must agree to Common Assurances and to Assurance pages for funded programs. The AR must then complete the Assurances summary tab on the far right.
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated **Private/Nonpublic School Participation** tab <u>must</u> be completed.
 - If your district has participating private/nonpublic schools, enter the required information.
 - If your district has no private/nonpublic participants, open the page, enter a zero for the number of participating private/nonpublic schools, and SAVE THE PAGE.

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Sources of Additional Information

OPI E-Grants Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/EGrants/Index.html

OPI Title II, Part A Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/titleiiparta/